



August 15, 2021

PRELUDE: *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* J.S. Bach arr. V. Fox

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

**OUTPOURING OF THE WATER, PASSING THE PEACE,
RINGING THE BOWL**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Sayre

We are God's work of art. Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.

Sung Response:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

great is your faithfulness, Oh Lord,

great is your faithfulness.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* 619

CALL TO PRAYER

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saint-like — holy, good, patient, loving.

But we end up feeling more like sinners — full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING *Lord Prepare Me - Sanctuary 701*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus* Traditional arr. F. Ortega
Soloist, Brandon Jones

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,
oh, and when I am alone,
and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,
oh, and when I come to die,
and when I come to die,
give me Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Acts 18:1-11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

I Thessalonians 5:11-14

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

SERMON Walking in the Footsteps of Paul: Part II

✦ **HYMN** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* 753

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional arr. P. Manz

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✦ **HYMN** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (verses 1,3,4) 761*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

J. Hughes arr. L. Smith

✦ All those who are able, please stand

All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Sanctuary Flowers:

In memory of Jim and Donna Frisch and their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation:

Sandy Lichtenberger, Sam Eidson and Carol Tahse-Roeming

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information about our church, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

ACTIVITIES AT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN THIS WEEK

- Aug 16 10:00 a.m. Prayer in the Night — Classroom 5 or Zoom
- Aug 17 9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry— Sweet Family Room
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Committee — Classroom 5
- 2:00 p.m. Joyful Spirits Ensemble—Sweet Family Room
- Aug 18 10:00 a.m. Finance Committee — Classroom 5 or Zoom
- Aug 19 12:00 p.m. Joyful Spirits Ensemble — Sanctuary
- Aug 22 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary or Online

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
July-2021		Through Week #32 (8/08/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,060	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	152
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 30,017	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	4260
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 396,533	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	175
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 402,818	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	4630
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	8890
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
<small>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</small>			

Community Food Bank Hunger Walk

It's back! Saturday, September 11th. To end hunger in our communities. You can walk as an individual, walk with the VPC people team, or make a donation. All can be done on the website:

<https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/team/366355>

Following the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul

With Pastor Diane and Katie Sayre

Wednesday, September 15

1:00 – 2:00 pm. In the Spiritual Life Center

Pastor Diane and Katie are offering a 4-week class on their studies in scripture, the culture of Greece and how it affected Paul, the ruins, and of course, lots of pictures.

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